

WHO IS THE REAL AMERICAN ANYWAY?— SCIENTISTS SAY INDIANS ARE NOT



Some of the Asiatic tribes who so closely resemble our American Indian that Dr. Hrdlicka says they are the ancestors of the latter.

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Those fast disappearing brothers of ours—they of the scalp-lock and wampum, the American redskins—are they really aboriginally American, after all?

It has been practically established at last—much to our surprise—that they are not! Instead of being native to this continent, the warlike Indian, who struggled so long against the white invader, was himself an invader! His ancestors were peaceful

stone-age men living in far-away Mongolia and Tibet! After the retreat of the great glaciers of prehistoric times, some of these people migrated northeastward through Siberia and came to the American continent by way of Alaska. Gradually they broke up into the diverse tribes speaking different languages which Columbus found, when, coming from the opposite direction, he discovered the new world.

Columbus called them "indians," thinking that in this strange land he had found by a new route the fabled Indies. Perhaps his name was more applicable to these redmen than we of later centuries have believed!

For a great anthropologist, a man who studies the history of races, has actually discovered some of our Indians' own blood-brothers now dwelling not far from the very regions which were known as "the Indies" during the life of Columbus.

Dr. Ales Hrdlicka of the United States national museum has made this remarkable discovery, and pub-